Lovely Strange Dark

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CHAPTER 2

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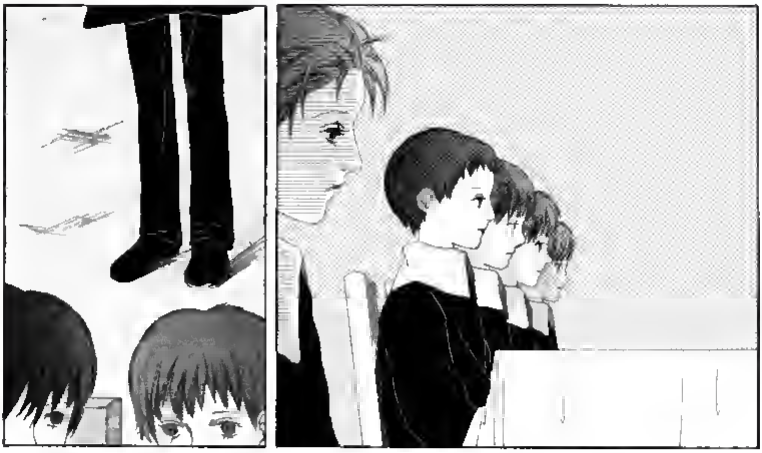
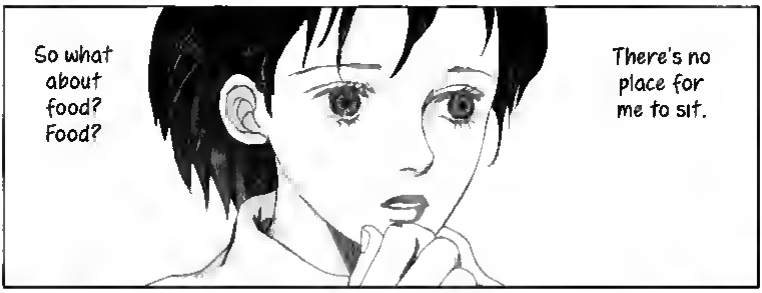
OK!
IT'S TIME TO EAT
WELCOME, EVERYONE.
please, today...
Please,
have a place
Let me also

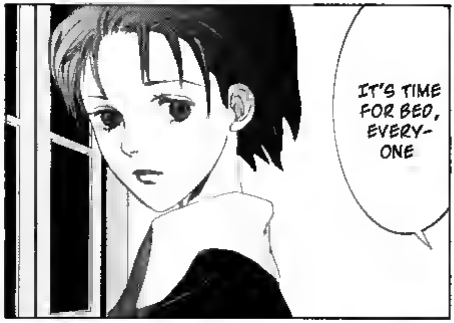



So what about food? Food?
There's no place for me to sit.

1
2
3
4
AND SOME FOR YOU GUYS—
FOR MOTHER
HERE, FOR YOUR FATHER

Why must it always be me!?
What about some for me...!?

THANKS FOR THE MEAL!
NOW, LET'S DIG IN.

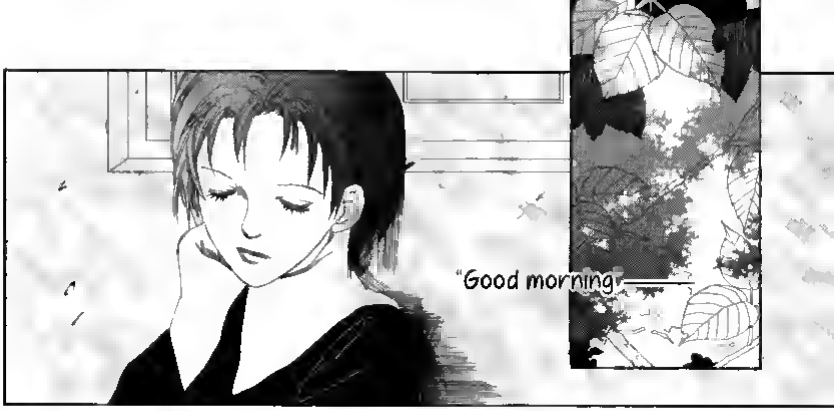

IT'S TIME FOR BED, EVERY-ONE

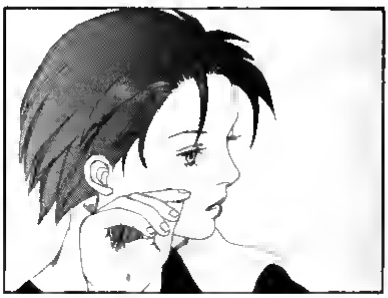
when I didn't get any food
Another day

YES, GOOD-NIGHT
GOOD-NIGHT, MOM

SWSH
MOM
.....
SHIVER
COLD

of this hause, dan't I?
I have to get out
Right?
I can leave anytime I want—
Mam and Dad will smile and say "gaad marning" ta me.....
Maybe tamarrow


"Good morning."



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They started eating without me...
There's no place for me to eat today, either.

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munch
SLAM
HM?
.....
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
DID SOME-ONE FALL DOWN?
WE'RE GOING OUT TO PLAY!
THANKS FOR THE MEAL!

DAD!
WHAT DO I DO? I'M BLEEDING!
DAD,
.....
HUG

I'm an unwanted child.
Maybe it's really because
Why won't you look at me?
ODD, IT SHOULD BE CLOSED
THE WINDOW
HM?

I was afraid because it's so big outside.
I feel a little better.
But even with just the sense of alienation gone

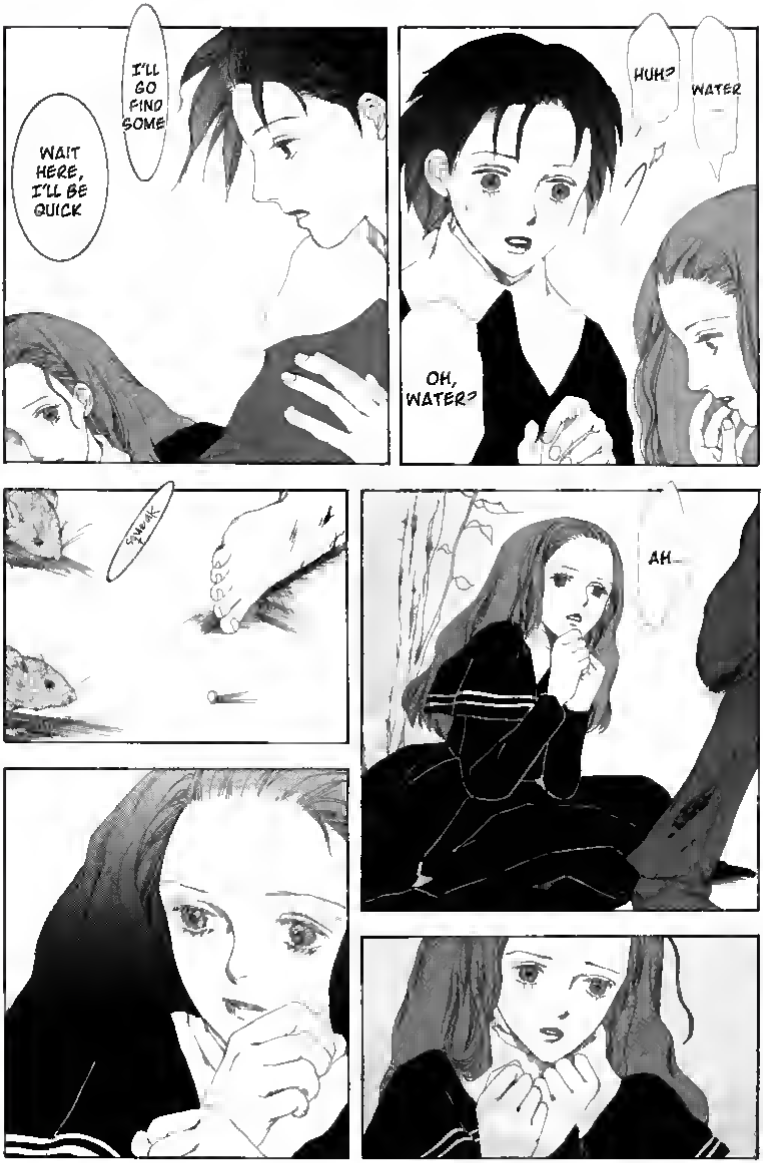
It was like my mom and dad...
couldn't see me.
I have a reflection.
I really am here, aren't I?
I was thinking that maybe
I was already dead and gone.
I have to live
By myself... I'll do my best...
I'm alive.
OW...
The pain is real!

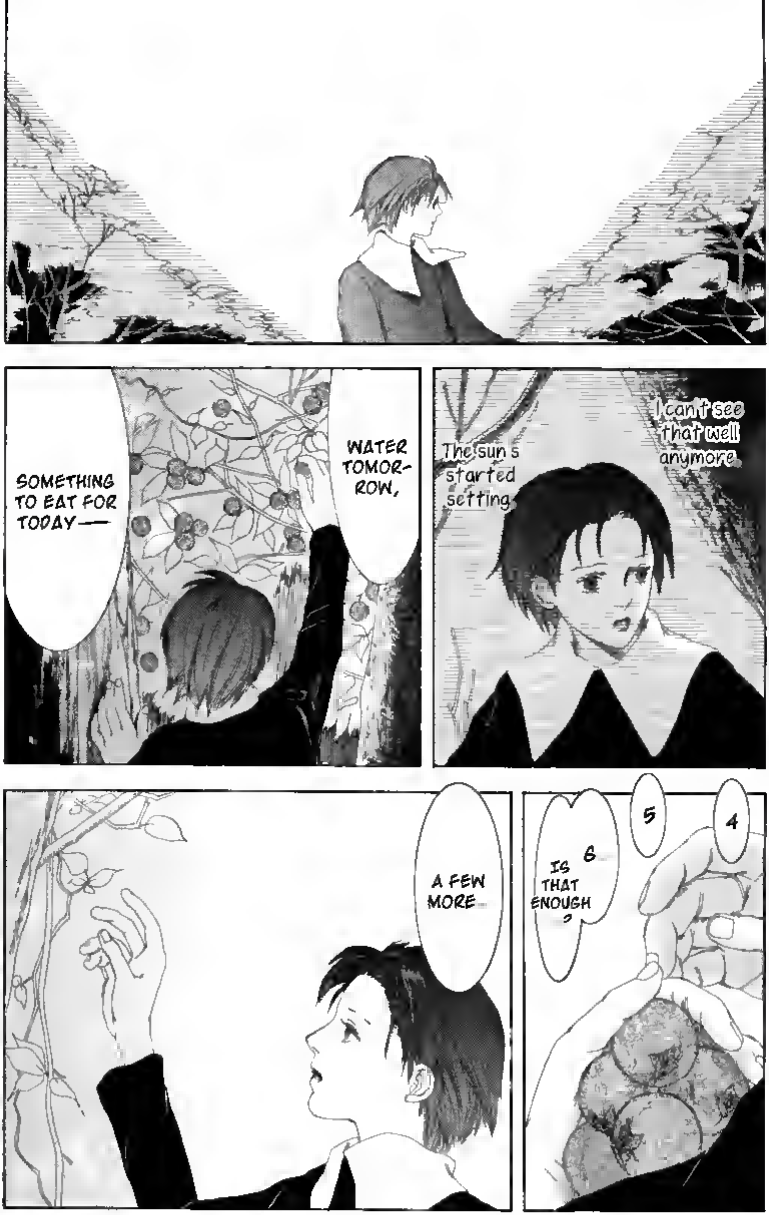
They look like they're having fun.
!

bump
That girl—
This family can't see that girl, either!
click

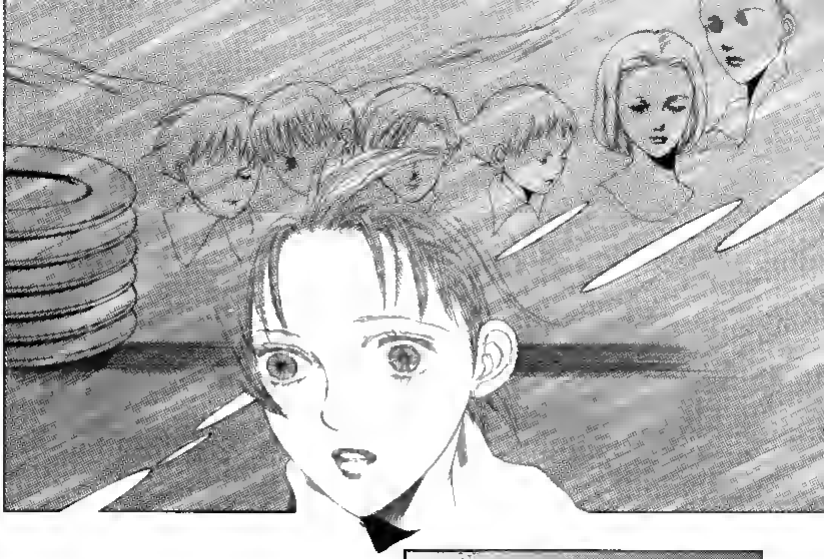
COME WITH ME!
LET'S GO!
.....
I CAN SEE YOU!
FOR REAL? .....
YOU CAN SEE ME...?
I...
ME?

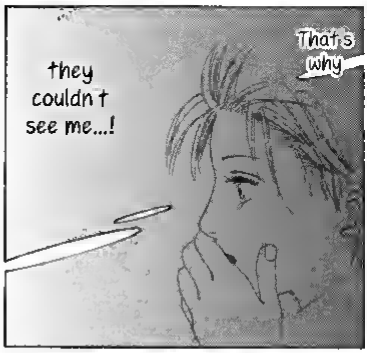
HUH?
WOBBLE


I'LL GO FIND SOME
WAIT HERE, I'LL BE QUICK
HUH?
WATER
OH, WATER?
SQUEAK
AH...


SOMETHING TO EAT FOR TODAY——
WATER TOMOR-ROW,
The sun's started setting.
I can't see that well anymore.
A FEW MORE—
5
4
6
IS THAT ENOUGH?

I saw more of them when I was looking from further away.
Weird
...
This is all I can pick.
I can't see anymore.
8...
CAN ONLY COUNT TO 8?
SO I,
WE,



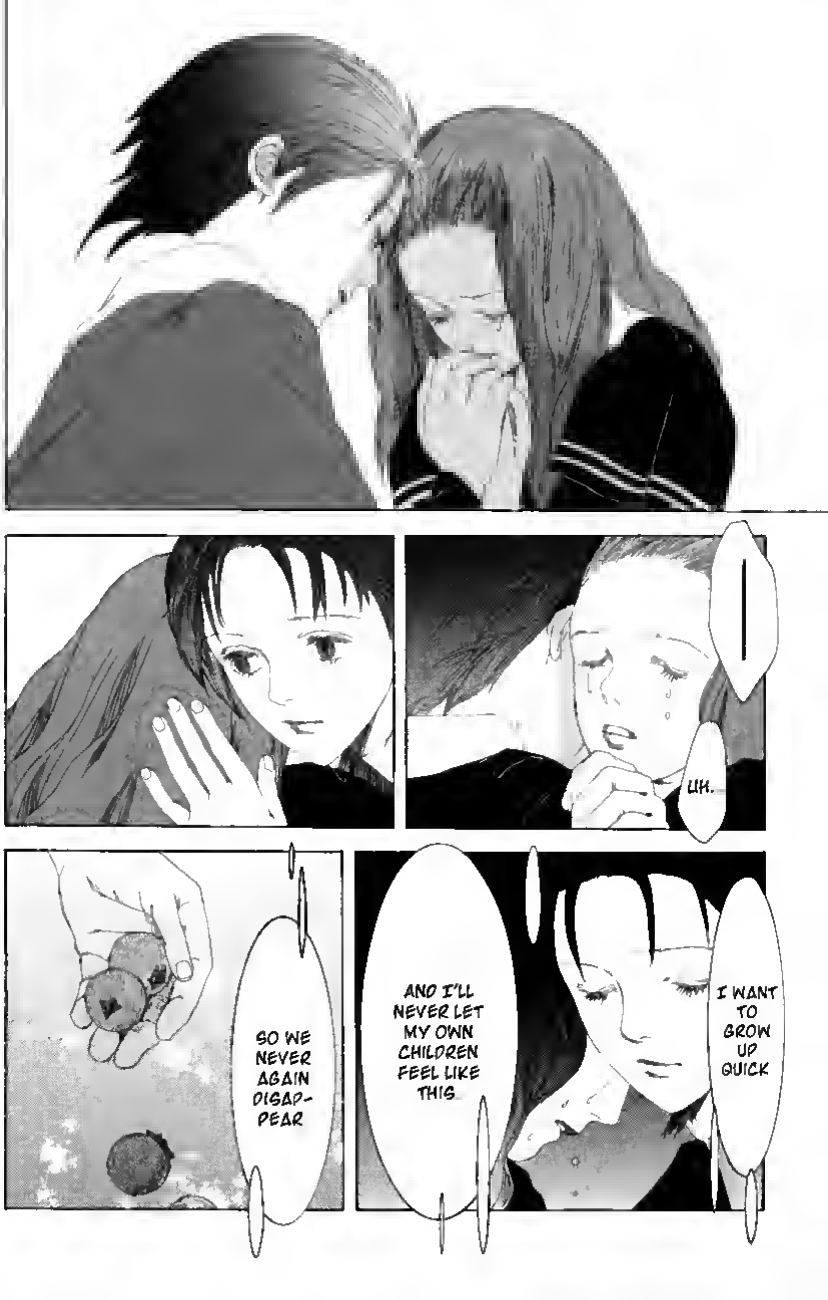

That's why
they couldn't see me...!

EVERY-ONE

BUT I GOT THESE
I COULDN'T FIND ANY WATER
I...
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SCARE THEM AWAY!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SHOO!
SHOO!

THIS PAIN IS PROOF THAT I'M REALLY HERE.
SO I LET THEM BITE ME ALL THEY WANT
WHEN EVEN MY PARENTS DIDN'T...
BUT THE MICE NOTICED ME—
I know how she feels,
— But...
ALWAYS BEEN LIVING LIKE THIS ..?
HAVE YOU
I SAID THAT I CAN SEE YOU, DIDN'T I?
DON'T DO THIS ANY-MORE.
NO MORE —

HERE,
TAKE ALL THESE.
THEY'RE YOUR PORTION.
EAT AND GET BETTER,
AND YOUR MOOD WILL CHANGE, TOO...
FOR ME...
PORTION FOR ME


UH.
I
I WANT TO GROW UP QUICK
AND I'LL NEVER LET MY OWN CHILDREN FEEL LIKE THIS
SO WE NEVER AGAIN DISAP-PEAR

We'll make our own home.
SO YOU GROW UP BIG.
EAT A LOT,
NOW NOW,
EAT SLOWLY
A GOOD NUMBER, A GOOD FAMILY
SIX
FOUR CHILDREN AND THE TWO OF US!

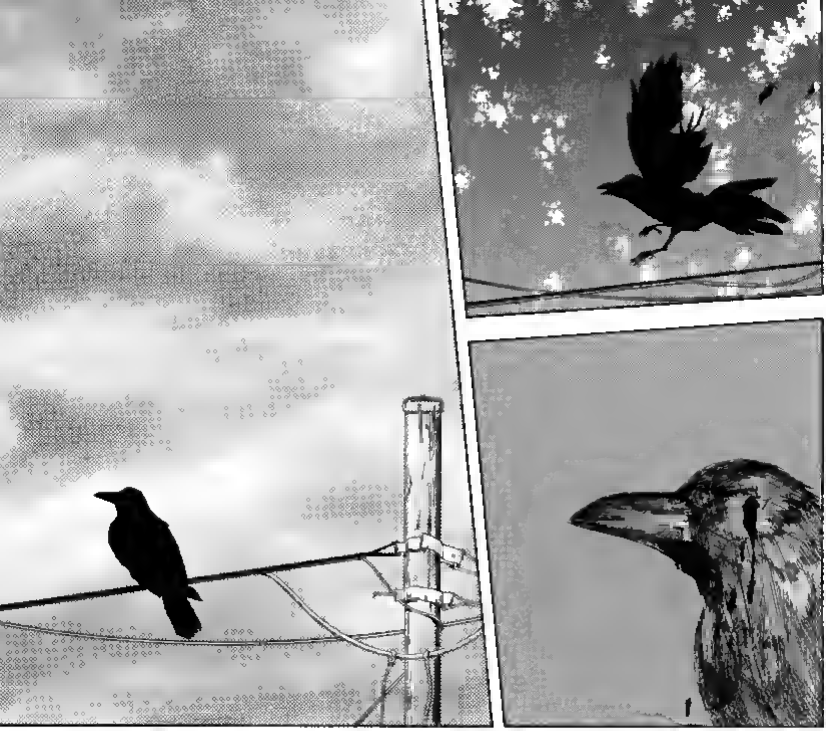
SLAM
PUH?
WE'RE GOING OUT TO PLAY!
THANKS FOR THE MEAL!
HEY, DID SOMEONE FALL? YOU OK?
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE JUST NOW?
AS LONG AS ALL MY KIDS ARE FINE...
EVERY-ONE'S HERE.
1, 2, 3, 4...

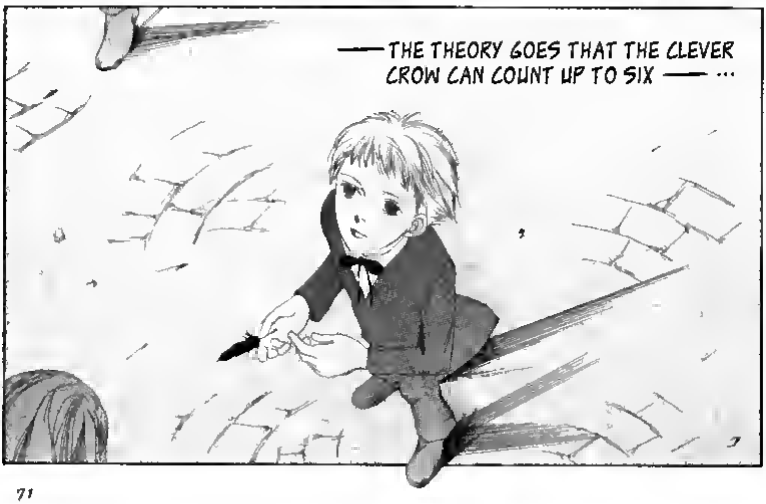
AH...!

THE WINDOW
THAT'S STRANGE, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED.
SHIP
?
WHO
WHO OPENED THE WINDOW?
IS SOME-ONE THERE?

KIDS!
WHO WAS HERE!?
RUSTLE

PSYCHE
WHOA!
THE WIND?
A BIRD...




——THE THEORY GOES THAT THE CLEVER CROW CAN COUNT UP TO SIX ——…

MEANING,
IT'S THE SEVENTH CROW'S TRAGEDY
TO LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE ONLY SIX
CAN EXIST.